



# WEATHER & CROPS



Week of: October 17 - 23, 2005

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## CROP SUMMARY FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 2005

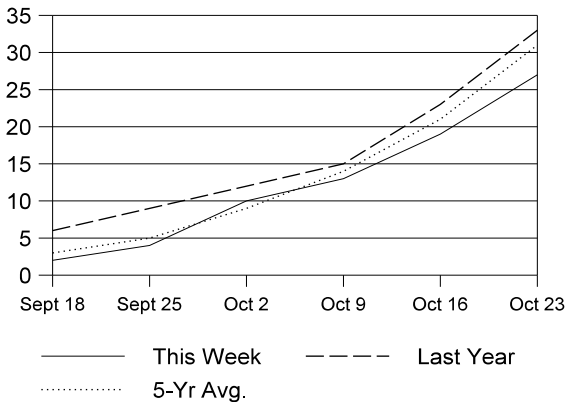
Isolated showers and cool temperatures prevailed in the Commonwealth during the week of October 17 - October 23, 2005. The average temperature for the state was 59 degrees and the average total rainfall was .4 inches. Days suitable for fieldwork were 5.3. The showers along with cool temperatures aided cool season grass pastures to come back strong, this will help with the fall feeding of livestock. Many farmers reported that early season beans were not affected by the dry weather earlier in the growing season. Soybean and cotton harvesting continued during the week. Other activities for the week included harvesting late season vegetables, sampling soil, selling calves, repairing fences, and seeding small grains.

TOPSOIL MOISTURE PERCENT				
Week Ending	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
September 18, 2005	28	49	23	0
September 25, 2005	38	42	19	1
October 2, 2005	47	38	14	1
October 9, 2005	37	28	24	11
October 16, 2005	15	21	54	10
October 23, 2005	22	20	44	14

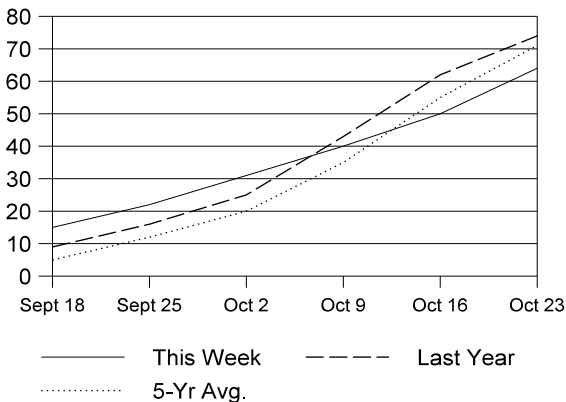
CROP CONDITION PERCENT					
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Pastures	14	26	42	18	0
Livestock	1	6	30	56	7
Hay, (other)	15	26	41	17	1
Hay, (alfalfa)	7	26	42	24	1
Soybeans	10	26	30	29	5
Cotton	0	12	27	56	5
Apples, (all)	0	0	59	41	0
Grapes	0	0	11	84	5

CROP PROGRESS PERCENT - WITH COMPARISONS				
Crop	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 Year
Soybeans Dropping Leaves	97	94	92	90
Soybeans Harvested	31	23	20	23
Winter Wheat Seeded	27	19	33	31
Barley Seeded	64	50	74	71
Peanuts Dug	84	63	85	85
Peanuts Combined	70	49	69	70
Cotton Harvested	40	30	38	37
Fall Apples Harvested	93	83	92	95
Winter Apples Harvested	43	31	66	80

Winter Wheat Seeded



Barley Seeded



WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 2005							
WEATHER STATION	TEMPERATURE (degrees Fahrenheit)				PRECIPITATION (inches)		
	HI	LO	Average	Departure From Normal	TOTAL	Departure From Normal	Days
<b>NORTHERN</b>							
Woodstock	80	42	55	0	0.91	0.21	2
The Plains	77	44	55	0	1.02	0.25	3
Winchester 7 SE	79	42	54	2	1.23	0.52	3
Dale Enterprise	78	38	54	1	0.61	-0.09	2
<b>WESTERN</b>							
Glasgow	81	43	59	5	0.39	-0.42	2
Roanoke AP	84	45	62	8	0.08	-0.81	1
Waynesboro	78	38	55	5	0.72	-0.11	2
Staunton AG	77	40	55	4	0.71	-0.12	2
<b>CENTRAL</b>							
Somerset	78	43	56	2	0.86	-0.05	3
Piedmont Res ST	79	40	56	2	0.75	-0.16	3
Bremo Bluff	83	38	59	4	0.70	-0.28	3
Richmond AP	82	41	61	5	0.15	-0.68	2
<b>EASTERN</b>							
Eastville	75	53	63	4	0.00	-0.57	0
Wallops Island	76	48	61	2	0.54	-0.03	3
Williamsburg	80	44	61	4	0.14	-0.56	2
Keysville	82	41	60	5	0.02	-0.85	2
<b>SOUTHWESTERN</b>							
Blacksburg AG	79	41	58	8	0.22	-0.61	2
Wytheville	78	36	57	7	0.25	-0.52	1
Saltville	80	36	58	7	0.75	-0.02	2
Richlands	79	34	57	11	0.49	-0.28	2
<b>SOUTHERN</b>							
Stuart	85	39	61	7	0.12	-0.80	2
Danville AG	86	42	61	5	0.25	-0.59	1
Chatham	85	40	58	5	0.06	-0.78	2
Martinsville	84	39	59	6	0.06	-0.85	2
<b>SOUTHEASTERN</b>							
Norfolk VA	80	47	66	7	0.16	-0.54	1
Oceana	80	48	66	4	0.00	-0.70	0
Emporia	84	44	61	5	0.05	-0.72	1
Newport News	83	47	65	5	0.03	-0.67	1

Departure from Normal based on 1961-90 Normals.  
Precipitation Days=Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more.